

EAGLE TAVERN
OLD WATKINSVILLE TAVERN
WATKINSVILLE, GEORGIA

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OLD WATKINSVILLE TAVERN
Watkinsville, Oconee County, Georgia
5 Mi. South of Athens on Macon Road

Owner:

Date of Erection: 1789.

Architect or Builder:

Present Condition: Fair. Now boarded over. Added to at right side and back but it is all very old.

Number of Stories: Two.

Materials of Construction: Foundation brick. Entirely wood inside and out, wide flush boarding being used for walls and ceilings as well as floore.

Other Existing Records:

Additional Data: The old part of this building is of logs covered at a later time both inside and out by wide boards still intact. Floors of three different levels. Three staircases. Originally old kitchen was a separate building at rear; and is still there.

Marker: "Erected by Georgia D.A.R. Eliza Clarke Chapter Athens, Georgia. The site of a frontier block house for protection against the Indians in 1789. Used as Eagle Tavern continuously from 1801 to present day, March 10, 1926."

Tradition has it that the original structure has built in 1734 and this, if correct, may be the log house part of the tavern, or an earlier building. Said to be the first house erected West of the Oconee River in the territory of the 13 original States. These statements need verification.

Harold Bush-Brown
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